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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

Disinfection of vessels at Tampa Bay Quarantine on account of tuberculosis.

Asst. Surg. C. C. Pierce reports the disinfection of the Norwegian bark *Pallas* at the Tampa Bay Quarantine, Mullet Key, Fla., November 4, 1902, on account of a case of tuberculosis, and the master of the vessel was instructed as to precautions to prevent further infection. The vessel was fumigated on account of rats, 22 of which were collected and burned.

Disinfection of vessels at San Francisco on account of tuberculosis.

P. A. Surg. W. G. Stimpson reports the disinfection of 3 vessels during September, 1902, on account of the employment of tuberculous seamen on board.

Statistical reports of States and cities of the United States—Yearly and monthly.

ILLINOIS—*Springfield*.—Month of October, 1902. Estimated population, 36,000. Total number of deaths, 50, including diphtheria, 1, and 7 from tuberculosis.

MASSACHUSETTS—*Newton*.—Month of October, 1902. Estimated population, 36,336. Total number of deaths, 35, including 4 from tuberculosis.

MICHIGAN.—Reports to the State board of health, Lansing, for the week ended November 1, 1902, from 69 observers, indicate that diarrhea, enteric fever, pneumonia, erysipelas, and measles were more prevalent and scarlet fever, inflammation of bowels, cholera morbus, and dysentery were less prevalent than in the preceding week. Meningitis was reported present at 3, measles at 18, smallpox at 19, whooping cough at 20, diphtheria at 43, scarlet fever at 63, enteric fever at 91, and phthisis pulmonalis at 226 places.

MINNESOTA—*Winona*.—Month of October, 1902. Estimated population, 23,000. Total number of deaths 24, including enteric fever, 1; whooping cough, 1, and 2 from tuberculosis.

NEW YORK.—Reports to the State board of health, Albany, for the month of September, 1902, from 156 cities, towns, and villages having an aggregate estimated population of 7,467,050, show a total of 9,682 deaths, including diphtheria, 166; enteric fever, 179; measles, 7; scarlet fever, 31; whooping cough, 83; smallpox, 6, and 917 from tuberculosis.

The Monthly Bulletin says:

The record of the month for healthfulness has been good. There was a low summer mortality, and September follows with 500 fewer deaths than the average of past years. The saving has been in diarrheal and digestive diseases. Acute respiratory diseases which had an excessive mortality through the summer have continued about 10 per cent above the normal rate for the month. Diseases of the kidney have likewise been moderately excessive. There were 417 deaths from pneumonia and 385 from Bright's disease. Acute diarrheal diseases have been returned under various phases and names. The nomenclature of 470 death returns have the following numerical ratio: Cholera infantum, 227 deaths; gastro-enteritis, 57; entero-colitis, 43; enteritis, 28; ileo-colitis, 16; colitis, 7; dysentery, 68; diarrhea, 24. Of the last they were variously named infantile diarrhea, cholera morbus, choleraic diarrhea, summer complaint or summer diarrhea, bowel trouble, and diarrhea. Of these, 11 occurred in infancy, 5 in middle life, and 8 past the age of 60 years. Various contributory causes of deaths were given. There were but 17 of the entire number in which meningitis was given, and 18 were complicated with convulsions, these sometimes being noted as the chief cause of death. Dentition, lack of proper food, malassimilation, milk infection, innutrition, marasmus, stomatitis are frequently noted as attendant and contributory causes of death. Of the 227 deaths from cholera infantum, 167 occurred in the first year of life, 34 in the second year, 15 in the third year, and 2 were so called in whom death occurred at the age of 5 years. Of deaths returned as from gastro-enteritis, 40 were in the first year of life, 2 in the second, 1 at 40, and 13 past 60 years, 30 of the 57 having no contributory cause given. Entero-colitis caused 30 deaths in infancy, 8 in childhood (between 2 and 10 years of age), and 5 past 60. Of 28 deaths from enteritis, 10 fell in the first year of life, 6 in the second, 2 in middle life, and 10 past 60 years of age. Two were defined as catarrhal enteritis and 1 as likewise cholera infantum. Ileo-colitis was given as a cause of death only in infancy and early childhood. They were all attended with meningitis, convulsions, marasmus, and malassimilation. Six were noted as ulcerative ileo-colitis, all occurring at one locality on Long Island. Colitis, sometimes noted as acute catarrhal and once as ulcerative, caused 7 deaths, 4 in infancy and 3 past 60 years of age. Dysentery was given as the cause of 68 deaths, 15 per cent of the whole number. They were distributed in all parts of the State, and in no special locality, 4 occurring in Westchester County and 2 on Long Island. Bloody dysentery was the term applied to 2, and intestinal hemorrhage occurred in 3 others. Meningitis, convulsions, improper food, and senility were given as contributory, but with 50 no comment was made. Thirteen of the deaths were in the first year of life, 9 at 4, 3 at 10, 12 between 30 and 50, and 31 were past 60 years of age. Of the entire number 470 deaths for diarrheal diseases occurring in all parts of the State, both rural and urban (New York City and Buffalo not being included), 352 occurred in the first year of life, 22 in the second year, 6 in youth, 20 in middle and 70 in old age, the majority of the last being past the age of 70 years.

OHIO—*Cleveland*.—Month of September, 1902. Estimated population, 400,000. Total number of deaths, 457, including diphtheria, 7; enteric fever, 11; measles, 1; scarlet fever, 1; whooping cough, 3; smallpox, 50, and 27 from tuberculosis.

Month of October, 1902. Total number of deaths, 509, including

diphtheria, 31; enteric fever, 8; scarlet fever, 3; whooping cough, 3; smallpox, 47, and 42 from tuberculosis.

RHODE ISLAND—*Newport*.—Month of October, 1902. Estimated population, 23,000. Total number of deaths, 35, including enteric fever, 2, and 5 from tuberculosis.

Inspection of immigrants.

WEEKLY.

Place.	Week ended.	No. of ves-sels.	No. of immi-grants.
Baltimore, Md.....	Nov. 1	2	1,448
Do.....	Nov. 8	3	1,021
Boston, Mass.....	Nov. 1	8	1,173
New York, N. Y.....	do.....	15	10,047
Philadelphia, Pa.....	do.....	4	398
Do.....	Nov. 8	1	204

MONTHLY.

Place.	Month ended.	No of immi-grants passed.	No. re-jected.
Portland, Me.....	Oct. 31	364	0
Detroit, Mich.....	Sept. 30	4	1
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.....	Oct. 31	144	23
Buffalo, N. Y.....	do.....	83	5
New York, N. Y.....	Sept. 30	50,588	411
Astoria, Oreg.....	Oct. 31	17	0
Port Townsend, Wash.....	Sept. 30	102	0
Do.....	Oct. 31	51	0